

## TRANSCRIPTION - ORIGINAL FOLLOWS

1. Embassy has informally been told by Dr. Wahed Karim and Abdul Ali Sulaiman of MFA that no rpt no member of royal family in Kabul and no rpt no high ranking officers have been killed.
2. Dr. Karim emphatically denied that any general had been killed including specifically General Abdul Wali, General Abdul Ghani Wardak or Defmin Khan Mohammad Khan, who have been rumored killed or wounded in various reports.
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SUBJECT: REPORT OF CONDITION OF AFGHAN ROYAL FAMILY

1. EMBASSY HAS INFORMALLY BEEN TOLD

THAT NO RPT NO MBER OF ROYAL FAMILY  
IN KABUL AND NO RPT NO HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS HAVE BEEN KILLED.

2. DENIED THAT ANY GENERAL HAD BEEN  
KILLED, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY GENERAL ABDUL WALI, GENERAL  
ABDUL GHANI WARDAK OR DEFMIN MOHAMMAD KHAN, WHO HAVE

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3. IN SEPARATE TALKS WITH

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WOUNDED, WAS SAFE AND UNINJURED.

4. WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO DISBELIEVE THESE TWO SEPARATE  
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KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION AND ARE FUNCTIONING AS MEMBERS OKB  
MFA. WE THEREFORE COUNSEL ADDRESSEES TO DISCOUNT REPORTS THAT  
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